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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

Case No.: C 07-03754-BZ

**NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION
TO DISMISS; MEMORANDUM OF
POINTS AND AUTHORITIES**

Date: September 17, 2008
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Place: Courtroom G
Judge: Bernard Zimmerman

Date Action Filed: July 20, 2007
Trial Date: Not Set

NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION

TO PLAINTIFF AND HIS COUNSEL OF RECORD:

22 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on September 17, 2008, at 10:00 a.m., or as soon
23 thereafter as the matter may be heard, in Courtroom "G" of this Court, located at 450 Golden
24 Gate Avenue, San Francisco, California, defendant Mark Headrick will, and hereby does, move
25 this Court, pursuant to Rule 12(b)(6) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, for an Order
26 dismissing this case with prejudice.

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1 This Motion is made on the grounds that the Complaint fails to state a federal claim upon
 2 which relief can be granted. This Motion is based upon this Notice of Motion and Motion, the
 3 Memorandum of Points and Authorities filed herewith, and the pleadings, orders, memoranda,
 4 exhibits and other documents already on file in this action.

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6 **MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES**

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7 **I. FACTS**

8 Plaintiff alleges a cause of action under 42 U.S.C. section 1983 for wrongful arrest.
 9 (Complaint, ¶¶ 1, 10.) Plaintiff alleges that the defendant, CHP Officer Mark Headrick, arrested
 10 him on September 6, 2003. (Complaint, ¶ 10.)

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11 **II. STATEMENT OF ISSUES TO BE DECIDED**

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12 1. The Complaint fails to allege facts sufficient to state a federal claim upon which
 13 relief can be granted, because the complaint is barred by the statute of limitations.

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14 **III. ARGUMENT**

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15 **The Complaint Is Barred by the Statute of Limitations**

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16 In 42 U.S.C. section 1983 actions, the federal courts borrow the state statute of
 17 limitations that applies to personal injury actions. *Wilson v. Garcia*, 471 U.S. 261, 279-280
 18 (1985); *Silva v. Crain*, 169 F.3d 608, 610 (9th Cir. 1999). At the time of Plaintiff's arrest,
 19 September 6, 2003, the California general personal injury statute of limitations was two years.
 20 Cal. Civ. Proc. Code § 335.1 (West 2006.) Plaintiff, then, had two years in which to file this
 21 lawsuit-- that is, until September 5, 2005. Plaintiff, however, did not file this lawsuit until July
 22 20, 2007, and it is barred by the statute of limitations.

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IV. CONCLUSION

Plaintiff's federal civil rights claim is barred by the statute of limitations. Accordingly, CHP Officer Mark Headrick respectfully requests that the court grant this motion and dismiss the Complaint with prejudice.

Dated: July 30, 2008

Respectfully submitted,

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